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1. Following is a report of traffic on the Transcaspian Railway through Dushak, Turkmen SSR, of road traffic to and from Dushak, and of Soviet military activity in the Dushak area for the period 20-24 January 1952.

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2. The omission of certain whole or half days was the result [redacted] 25A
[redacted] of inclement weather. The omissions
can, therefore, be taken as an indication of the number of days of poor
visibility in the area. At present, [redacted] unable to obtain data on the 25X1
contents of the trains or vehicles, or to observe night traffic.

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Traffic</u>	<u>Direction</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Rail:</u> <u>Road:</u>	<u>No. of Cars</u> <u>Type Vehicle</u>
20/1/52	Rail	eastbound	0730	1 train composed of	11 white passenger cars
		westbound	0800	1 train composed of	29 red box cars
		eastbound	1030	1 train composed of	20 gondola and flat cars
		westbound	1100	1 train composed of	44 red tank cars
		eastbound	1300	1 train composed of	48 large and small box cars
		westbound	1445	1 train composed of	5 green passenger cars
		eastbound	1530	1 train composed of	23 red box and flat cars
		westbound	1600	1 train composed of	35 gondola and flat cars

Road	Dushak to Tedzhend	0800	truck
	Dushak to Bulari	0915	jeep
	Dushak to Kaakhka	0930	truck

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20/1/52	Road	Serakhs to Dushak	1000	truck		
		Dushak to Kaakhka	1130	automobile		
		Dushak to Serakhs	1400	truck		
		Bulan to Dushak	1430	jeep		
		Dushak to Tedzhend	1500	truck		
		Dushak to Serakhs	1515	truck		
		Dushak to Tedzhend	1615	truck		
	Military activity	Five groups of soldiers were observed engaged in military exercises about 2km outside of Dushak. The soldiers returned to Dushak at 1300 hours.				
21/1/52	Rail	westbound	0830	1 train composed of 33 large box cars, 7 flat cars, and 10 small box cars		
		eastbound	1000	1 train composed of 2 locomotives and 50 small red tank cars		
		westbound	1130	1 train composed of 14 green passenger cars		
		eastbound	1215	1 train composed of 40 red tank cars		
		eastbound	1330	1 train composed of 2 locomotives and 23 large box cars, 25 flat cars and 12 small box cars		
		westbound	1345	1 train composed of 33 flat, tank, and box cars		
		westbound	1430	1 train composed of 40 red tank cars, box cars, and flat cars		
		eastbound	1600	1 train composed of 5 tank-shaped (sic) cars, 1 flat car, and 6 cars not recognized		
		Road	Dushak to Kaakhka	0800	truck	
			Dushak to Serakhs	0930	truck	
			Dushak to Kaakhka	1000	2 trucks	
			Dushak to Post-i-Shurjeh	1030	truck	
			Dushak to Tedzhend	1300	truck	
			Dushak to Tedzhend	1415	jeep	
Serakhs to Dushak	1430		truck			
Post-i-Shurjeh to Dushak	1530		truck			
22/1/52	Rail	westbound	0800	1 train composed of 30 large red box cars		
		eastbound	0830	1 train composed of 40 large and 20 small box cars		
		westbound	1030	1 train composed of 56 tank cars		
		eastbound	1100	1 train composed of 30 large and 10 small box cars		
		westbound	1115	1 train composed of 36 large tank cars		
		westbound	1215	1 train composed of 23 red box cars and 20 white box cars		
		eastbound	1400	1 train composed of 26 large box cars, 7 small box cars, and 29 flat cars		
		westbound	1415	1 train composed of 15 green passenger cars		
		westbound	1530	1 train composed of 37 large red box cars		
		westbound	1630	1 train composed of 20 red tank cars		
		Road	Dushak to flour mill	0830	truck	
			Dushak to Kaakhka	0830	truck	

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Date	Traffic	Direction	Time	Rail: No. of Cars Road: Type Vehicle	
22/1/52	Road	Dushak to Serakhs	0900	jeep	
		Dushak to Tedzhend	0915	truck	
		Dushak to Kaakhka	1300	truck	
		Dushak to Kaakhka	1330	truck	
		Dushak to Tedzhend	1430	truck	
		Serakhs to Dushak	1500	truck	
		Dushak to Post-i-Khojeh	1515	jeep	
		Dushak to Tedzhend	1630	truck	
Military activity	At 0830 hours, more than 250 soldiers mounted on horseback were engaged in military exercises in the vicinity of Aqcheh Qaleh. The maneuvers lasted until 1400 hours.				
23/1/52	Rail	westbound	0700	1 train composed of 30 large box cars	
		eastbound	0815	1 train composed of 15 flat cars, 2 white cars, and 23 large and small box cars	
		westbound	0900	1 locomotive	
		westbound	1030	1 train composed of 44 large tank cars	
		westbound	1130	1 train composed of 15 green passenger cars	
		eastbound	1245	1 train composed of 2 locomotives and 65 large and small box cars, gondola cars, and flat cars	
		eastbound	1600	1 train composed of 37 large red box cars	
		westbound	1615	1 train composed of 46 small tankers	
		Road	Dushak to Serakhs	0730	truck
			Dushak to Serakhs	1000	truck
	Serakhs to Dushak		1130	2 trucks	
	Post-i-Khojeh to Post-i-Shurjeh		1330	jeep	
	Dushak to Post-i-Shurjeh		1400	truck	
	Dushak to Kaakhka		1430	truck	
	Dushak to Serakhs		1515	truck	
	Dushak to Post-i-Khojeh		1600	truck	
	Military activity	One group of about 30 soldiers was observed engaged in military exercises along the railroad near Dushak. About 40 soldiers on horseback were observed not far from this group. About 3km west of Malek Azhdar, approximately 200 soldiers mounted on horses engaged in military exercises until approximately 1500 hours. Observer heard 15 bursts of artillery.			
24/1/52	Rail	eastbound	0830	1 train composed of 21 large box cars, 11 flat cars, and 12 small box cars	
		westbound	0915	1 train composed of 1 locomotive and 2 cars	
		westbound	1030	1 train composed of 56 cars including several flat cars, a few box cars, and the remainder unrecognized but with multiple wheel trucks	
		eastbound	1100	1 train composed of 16 green passenger cars	

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Date	Traffic	Direction	Time	Rail: No. of Cars Road: Type Vehicle
24/1/52	Rail	westbound	1330	1 train composed of 26 large red box cars
		eastbound	1415	1 train composed of 32 loaded flat and gondola cars
		westbound	1600	1 train composed of 30 red tank cars
		eastbound	1630	1 train composed of 16 large box cars and 14 small box cars
	Road	Bulan to Dushak	0715	truck
		Dushak to Kaakhka	0800	truck
		Dushak to Serakhs	0900	truck
		North to Dushak	0930	truck
		Serakhs to Dushak	1130	jeep
		Dushak to Tedzhend	1320	truck
		Dushak to Bulan	1400	truck
		Dushak to Post-i-Khojeh	1415	jeep
		Dushak to Kaakhka	1500	truck
		Dushak to Serakhs	1610	truck
Military activity	Near Malek Azhdar, more than 200 soldiers mounted on horses and three groups of soldiers on foot were observed engaged in military exercises. The mounted soldiers exercised until 1500 hours and then returned to Dushak. The foot soldiers returned to Dushak at 1330 hours.			

3. The following is a tabulation of daily traffic for the period of time covered by this report and includes daily averages of the preceding months.

	Rail				Vehicular			
	East		West		East	West	North	South
1952	Trains	Cars	Trains	Cars				
20 Jan.	4	102	4	113	5	3	1	1
21 Jan.	4	162	4	137	3	4	1	2
22 Jan.	3	162	7	237	4	4	0	2
23 Jan.	3	142	4	135	4	3	1	2
24 Jan.	4	129	4	114	3	3	1	3
(daily average)								
January 1952	4	133	4	145	4	4	1	2
December 1951	4	147	4	106	4	4	2	3
November 1951	4	124	5	119	6	6	3	4
October 1951	5	172	5	155	6	5	5	4
September 1951	6	186	6	195	6	5	4	4
August 1951	7	251	6	221	6	6	4	4

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